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LOUISVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Darrell Adwell**, age 44, of Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, pled guilty to one count of distributing child pornography and one count of possessing child pornography, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber announced today.

Adwell admitted that on or about November 8, 2004, using the screen name "KEVININKY1" and over the internet, he distributed material that contained child pornography to Timothy Ockenfels, an individual in San Francisco, California. The images sent by Adwell to Ockenfels included depictions of a young, pre-pubescent girl, with her legs widely spread, lasciviously displaying her genitals; two young girls posing nude and lasciviously displaying their genitals; and a young girl jumping rope nude, while observed by a young, pre-pubescent boy, who was posing nude and lasciviously displaying his genitals. Adwell further admitted that, on or about May 10, 2006, he possessed between 10 and 150 images of child pornography on a computer located in his home in Louisville, Kentucky.

Adwell, who had no prior criminal record, was indicted for these offenses on April 3, 2007, in Louisville, Kentucky.

The minimum potential penalty is 5 years imprisonment, and the maximum potential penalty is 30 years imprisonment, as well as a combined maximum fine of \$500,000 and a term of supervised release of any number of years up to life.

The plea was entered before Chief Judge John G. Heyburn, II, in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky.

Adwell is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Heyburn on October 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in Louisville, Kentucky.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ann Claire Phillips and was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

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